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| Provision of Copies of References |
| [X] Pursuant to the order of the Deputy Commissioner dated July 11, 2003, copies of the U.S. references are not enclosed. |
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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>04-1679</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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